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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: APPROACH TO FRONT LINE STATES

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1. AS REFTEL, FRENCH, FRG AND AMERICAN AMBASSADORS MADE REQUESTED DEMARCHE TO PRES BONGO LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 8.

2. BONGO'S REACTION CENTERED CHIEFLY ON SOUTH AFRICAN REGISTRATION OF VOTERS WHICH HE SEEMED SEE NO HARM IN, CONSIDERING PRINCIPLE OF REGISTRATION AS INTEGRAL STEP ALONG

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PATH TO INDEPENDENCE. AFTER RATHER LENGTHY EXPLANATIONS OF WHY FIVE FELT THAT UNILATERAL ACTION BY SOUTH AFRICAN IN REGISTERING COTERS WOULD BE LESS THAN HELPFUL, BONGO FINALLY TOLD AMBASSADORS THAT WE COULD REPORT THAT HE FAVORED REGISTRATION OF VOTERS SO LONG AS IT WAS CONSONANT WITH PROPOSALS OF FIVE AND WITH UN PRESENCE.

3. AS DISCUSSION PROGRESSED, IT WAS CLEAR THAT WHAT WAS BOTHERING BONGO WAS ONCE AGAIN SWAPO WHICH HE SEES AS POTENTIAL INSTRUMENT FOR INCREASED SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA. HE RECOGNIZED ONCE MORE FUTILITY OF SOME KIND INTERNAL SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD RISK CREATION OF ANOTHER UNRECOGNIZED BANTUSTAN, BUT IF A SOLUTION COULD BE WORKED OUT THAT WOULD SOMEHOW EXCLUDE SWAPO, BONGO WOULD NOT BE DISPLEASED TOO MUCH.TIENKEN

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